OWASIPPE LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

CHICAGO COUNCIL -- BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

"O, my father, I am ready;
Send me on this gracious errand."

Uncas, worthy son of the aged Chingachgook, thus announced to his Tribe, the Delawares, that he was ready to go forth and help his people even at the cost of his own life. You, too, in a different way, have served those about you, and because of this, they have seen fit to elect you to membership in the Order of the Arrow, which, in the language of the Lenni Lenape Indians is

WIMACHTENDIENK
WINGILAUCHIK
WITAHEMUI

Congratulations:

Brother_____
name

on your achievement of membership in our Brotherhood. We are confident this membership was wisely bestowed. We trust you have been inspired toward a lifelong purpose of cheerful service.

In order that you may be better acquainted with YOUR Lodge, we have prepared this guide for you. If you have any questions unanswered by the information in this book, Your Chapter Chief or Scribe will be glad to help you.

THE OWASIPPE LODGE

The Owasippe Lodge takes its name from our Camp, the Owasippe Scout Camps, named after the great Indian Chieftain of the Pottawatamie Tribe. The legend of Owasippe and his two sons is part of our Lodge traditions, which are inseparably woven into the history of our camps. You will recall how his sons went off to achieve the status of "brave". As they went on a period of testing, so did you, and now that you are with us proves that you have succeeded. Our Order is unique insofar as its members are elected by those outside of its ranks.

Each Chapter of the Owasippe Lodge has its own organization and program. Their meetings may include such activities as game nights, business meetings, Brotherhood membership instruction, overnight and day hikes and Camp promotion meetings.

There are also two annual Lodge functions in which the combined membership of all of the Chapters participate. They are the Fellowship Council and the Lodge Banquet.

Each Chapter has, at some time during the year, its own "Chapter Banquet". It also conducts a Fellowship Council, during which the Chapter will induct into the Order any approved "Candidate" elected during the year. Ordeal members also are elevated to Brotherhood membership at such Fellowship Councils.

HISTORY

In the summer of 1915, the Director of Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Council Camp, finding it desirable to have some definite system of recognition of those Scouts who stood out in their exemplification of the Promise and Law, organized the Wimachtendienk, W.W., later known as the Order of the Arrow. Its first meetings and ceremonies were held in a bit of woods not generally used for activity purposes. Here they created a council ring where all honors, including promotions in Scout rank, were awarded.

As the highest camp honor, one Scout, previously chosen by each Troop, or Provisional Troop, at the end of its stay in Camp, was inducted into this the beginnings of the Order. After the public ceremonials, those candidates who had previously undergone the Ordeal, were, with appropriate ceremony, admitted to the Order.

From that time forward, the Order has been centered in the Camp program, not only at this, its original home, but in the hundreds of Councils now operating Lodges. Progress was slow in the beginring with respect to the development of additional Lodges. The plan of organizing and utilizing the Scouts of finest spirit in camp proved so helpful from many aspects, that Lodges were formed in several other Councils.

The first World War temporarily interfered with the extension of the Order, but by 1921, the experimental period had produced sufficient experience for the establishment of the general basic policies, and the permanent organization of the Order on a National basis was undertaken.

The first National Convention convened in Philadelphia, on October 7, 1921, and a National Lodge, composed of all of the constituent local Lodges, represented by four delegates from each, was formed, and took over the affairs of the Order, adopted a Constitution and a statement of policies, and appointed committees to develop further details.

Following this initial convention, a steady progressive growth in Lodges and membership was noted. Successive National Lodge meetings were held annually, later bi-annially. In November, 1929, at the National Lodge meeting, some discussion was had pointing to the adoption of the Order by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, as a component part of its program. At the session of the National Lodge in 1933, at the Owasippe Scout Camps, summer camps of the Chicago Council, this proposal was definitely made and ratified by the delegates present.

On June 2, 1934, at the National Council Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America in Buffalo, the Order was approved by the National Council.

In May, 1948, the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, on recommendation of its Committee on Camping and Special Events, approved the complete integration of the Order of the Arrow in the program of the movement. This action resulted in the dissolution of the National Lodge of the Order, and brought its national supervision directly within the regular administrative channels of the Boy Scouts of America. Thus the National Executive Committee of the Order became the National Committee on the Order of the Arrow, a sub-committee of the National Committee on Camping and Special Events. Authority was given at this time for the employment of a staff member, in the National Service of Camping and Special Events at the Home Office, to handle administrative duties under the Director of the Service.

THE OWASIPPE LODGE AND ITS CHAPTERS

The Order of the Arrow was adopted by the Chicago Council as part of its program in 1921. Originally, each Scout Camp was granted a separate Charter by the National Lodge, but in 1928, all local Lodges merged and the Owasippe Lodge was formed. The Owasippe Lodge takes its name from our Camp, the Owasippe Scout Camps, named after the great Indian Chieftain of the Pottawatamie Tribe.

The Lodge is chartered by the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow and is composed of all members inducted through the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Lodge is further subdivided into selfgoverned Chapters, which are represented on the Lodge Executive Council, by delegates.

THE OWASIPPE LODGE RULES

Here is a summary of the Owasippe Lodge Rules in which you will be interested.

I

The name of the Lodge shall be the Owasippe Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, W. W..

Its Totem shall be the Hand of Fellowship, plus the Arrow nestling in the palm of the hand.

II

The Lodge shall have an Executive Council, composed of one Delegate from each Chapter, Lodge Officers, Past Chief, Advisors and Committee Chairmen who are Chapter Delegates. The Delegate shall be the Chapter Chief. He shall serve for an annual term. The Delegate must be under 21 years of age.

Each Chapter shall have an Executive Committee, composed of Chapter Officers, District Executive, Chairman or Representative of the Camping & Activities Committee, Financial and Chapter Advisor and Committee Chairmen.

III

ORDEAL MEMBERSHIP

Any Scout, Explorer or Scouter CAMPER, actively registered, is eligible for election into the Order.

A CAMPER is one who has camped for a minimum of fifteen days and nights, not more than seven of which can be in a long term camp (such as summer camp).

Non-Unit and Council Scouters and Resident Camp Staff members are eligible for election to the Owasippe Lodge.

The number of Scout Candidates a Unit may elect during a twelve-month period shall be:

5 to 13 active Scout CAMPERS	1 Candidate
14 to 23 " " "	2 Candidates
24 to 32 " " "	3 "
33 or more " " "	4 "

One Scouter Candidate per Unit may be elected in a twelve-month period, at the same time as the Unit elects Scout Candidates.

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

This Membership is conferred upon those Ordeal members who have continued in service to Scouting and to Camping.

At least ten months must elapse between induction into Ordeal Membership and into Brotherhood Membership.

A candidate shall be currently registered in the Boy Scouts of America and the Owasippe Lodge.

VIGIL HONOR

A candidate for the Vigil Honor shall have been a Brotherhood Member for at least three years and measure up to the following:

Had long Service to Scouting, beyond four years;
Help positions of Leadership, Patrol Leader and up;
Continued in Leadership;
Held positions of Leadership in Lodge or Chapter;
Given Service to the Order through a minimum of five committee projects;
Given Service to Camping;
Given Leadership to other Youth and Community groups.

A member may belong to but one Lodge or Chapter. Should he transfer his activities from one Lodge or Chapter area to another, he must transfer to the new Lodge or Chapter.

IV

Officers of the Owasippe Lodge:

Supreme Chief-of-the-Fire	Scout Executive
Chief-of-the-Fire	Director of Camping & Activities

* Lodge Chief
* Lodge Vice-Chief
* Lodge Scribe
* Lodge Treasurer
Lodge Medicine-Man
* Elected Officers and Medicine-Man all under 21 years of age.

Officers of each Chapter:

Chapter Chief-of-the-Fire	District Executive

* Chapter Chief
* Chapter Vice-Chief
* Chapter Scribe
* Chapter Treasurer
Medicine-Man
* Elected Officers and Medicine-Man, all under 21 years of age.

Lodge Officers shall be elected by letter ballot, the selection to be the free choice of the members of the Lodge.

Chapter Officers shall be elected at an Annual Election Meeting between May 1st and July 1st, yearly.

V

Committees

Lodge

1. Memberships; 2. Ceremonials; 3. Vigil Honor; 4. Service and Ideals; 5. Council Memberships; 6. Publications.

Chapter

1. Membership
2. Ceremonials and Costumes
3. Audit

VI

The stated meetings of the Owasippe Lodge shall be:

A. For social Fellowship and Installation of Officers;
B. Fellowship Council.
C. Annual Officers and Advisors Conclave.

The meetings of the Chapters shall be:

A. Annual Election Meeting
B. Annual Installation of Officers at 1st fall meeting;
C. Indoor meetings;
D. At least one Fellowship for the induction of Ordeal and/or Brotherhood Members.

Members may be required to give evidence of membership in order to obtain admission to any sessions.

VII

Annual dues shall be arranged by each Chapter, Ex-Officio members, and Council Scouters not affiliated with a Chapter of the Lodge, shall pay Annual Dues to the Lodge Treasurer.

In order to vote or hold office in the Chapter or Lodge, a registered Scout or Scouter member shall have paid his dues for the current year in full to the Chapter or Lodge.

Any member who is in arrears after six months from the beginning of the Chapter's fiscal year (July 1st), shall be liable for suspension. In case of suspension, the member must be notified, his name placed on the inactive list, and he may be refused admission to sessions until his dues are paid.

ARROW INSIGNIA

You may secure the Order Insignia at the Camp Trading Post during the summer camping season, or in the Camping Service Office of the Chicago Council, 9 West Washington Street, Chicago, during the balance of the year.

There are three types of pins:

the Ordeal, which is the Arrow;
the Brotherhood, which is the Lodge Totem;
the Vigil, which can be the Lodge Totem with superimposed Triangle, or a single Triangular pin with gold-filled Arrows.

All members are to wear the Arrow sash with the head upwards, pointing over the right shoulder.

The Arrow sash should be worn at all Arrow functions.

PURPOSE OF THE ARROW

To "catch the higher vision" of Uncas, in the legend, and to apply the spirit of cheerful service to Scout Camping, the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow has set forth a fourfold purpose of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, W. W. :

1. To recognize those campers (Scout, Explorers and Scouters) who best exemplify the Scout Promise and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.
2. To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
3. To promote Scout Camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the Unit's camping program, and to help strengthen the District and Council camping program both year-around and in the summer camp, as directed by the Camping and Activities Committee of the Council.
4. To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Service to Your Troop and Chapter

You can start by attending every Chapter meeting and taking part in the business of these meetings. If you do not understand what is taking place in the Arrow seek information from the older members or the Chief.

Your Chapter has many Service Committees. Try to get on at least one of them. The Chapter will greatly appreciate your services. Seek out the Chairman of the Service and Ideals Committee and offer your services. Tell him how much time you have at your disposal.

Your membership in the Order of the Arrow should strengthen your Troop affiliation. If you have a position that carries responsibilities, give your best service, help your Troop to grow and be active in Troop, Community and Council activities.

Truly, the world of opportunity for service is yours. The Order of the Arrow is yours. "Weld tightly every link." Remember, "he that serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest".

We are proud of our organization, for it is a living group. As long as individuals such as you become vitally interested in carrying out what so many before you have undertaken, that is to render unselfish service to others, the life of our Lodge will be assured and its Ideals will survive.

Lodge Policies

The democratic policies on which our Order is founded are safeguarded by the Owasippe Lodge Rules, in conformance with the policies of the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow.

Through the medium of the Lodge Rules, the activities of the Lodge and its Chapters are directed and requirements for Ordeal and Brotherhood Memberships and Vigil Honor are developed and upheld.

Each Chapter exists through the authority of the Owasippe Lodge. The Chapter may elect certain Officers who, with other members of the Chapter, comprise the Chapter Executive Committee. Each Chapter has a Chief, Vice-Chief, Scribe, Treasurer and Medicine-Man. The Chief-of-the-Fire is the District Executive.

Each Chapter has its own Treasury. The Owasippe Lodge operates under a budget in the Camping Service.

Copies of the Lodge Rules are in the hands of every Chapter Chief, and members can review then at their convenience.

Each Chapter appoints one Delegate to the Owasippe Lodge Executive Council. This council guides the destinies of the Owasippe Lodge and the Chapters. The Executive Council revises the Lodge Rules when necessary, interprets them, authorizes the Lodge activities, develops educational material, and handles all affairs of the Lodge. The Chapters are responsible to the Executive Council for their actions. The Chief of the Lodge, the Vice-Chief, the Scribe and the Treasurer are elected by the membership of the Lodge. They act as the Officers of the Lodge.

A Guide to Pronunciation

To help you to pronounce some of the words used in the Order of the Arrow, we present a key to their pronunciation, which we hope will help you in future Arrow Work.

Ahoalton	Ah'-ho-al'-ton
Allowat Sakima	Al'-lo-wot sa--kee'-ma
Chingachgook	Ching'-gatch-gook
Kichkinet	Kitch-kin-et'
Lenni Lenape	Len'-nee Len-ah'-pee
Meteu	Mee-tay'-u
Uncas	Un'-cuss
Wimachdentienk	Wee-mok'-ten-dee-enk
Wingilauchik	Win-go-louch'-sick
Sitahemui	Wi-tah-hem'-oo-ee

' indicates accent or emphasis.

Personal Record

Order of the Arrow sponsor or guide

Unit Leader Unit No.

Autographs of your fellow Candidates:

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Robert Kopinske - 37

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THE ARROW SONG

Firm bound in Brotherhood
Gather the clan that cheerful service
Brings to fellow man.
Circle our council fire,
Weld tightly ev'ry link
That binds us in Brotherhood,
Wimachtendienk.